

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Cui Bao Tai
FOR: Combustible Fuel Composition
and Method

To: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Before a First Office Action on the merits, kindly enter the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

A substitute specification is provided, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(3).

A marked up version of the previous specification is also provided.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly Amend the Claims as Follows:

Claim 19 (amended) - The fuel of claim 18 wherein said accelerant comprises
[[range]] 10-32% barium nitrate and 0.05-5% sodium nitrate.

Claim 32 (amended) - A fuel for barbecuing, comprising, in combinat[u]ion:
a monolith of carbonaceous material, said monolith of carbonaceous
material comprising 10-65% wood charcoal, 35-90% anthracite coal, and a binder; and

an accelerant coating a portion of said monolith of carbonaceous material, said accelerant comprising 45-80% wood charcoal, 10-32% barium nitrate, 0.05-5% sodium nitrate, 1-20% anthracite coal, and a binder.

Kindly Add the New Claims as Follows:

Claim 37 (new) - The fuel of claim 17 wherein said carbonaceous material comprises 33-86% of anthracite coal and 10-65% of wood charcoal.

Claim 38 (new) - The fuel of claim 18 wherein said accelerant comprises 3.05-22% calcium nitrate, 2.5-22% potassium nitrate and 0.05 - 4% sodium nitrate.

Claim 39 (new) - A fuel for barbecuing, comprising, in combination:

a monolith of carbonaceous material, said monolith of carbonaceous material comprising 10-65% wood charcoal, 32-86% anthracite coal, and a binder; and

an accelerant coating a portion of said monolith of carbonaceous material, said accelerant comprising 48-92.4% wood charcoal, 3.05-22% calcium nitrate, 2.5-22% potassium nitrate, 0.05-4% sodium nitrate, and a binder.

Claim 40 (new) - A fuel for barbecuing, comprising, in combination:

a core comprising a plurality of facets, comprising wood charcoal and anthracite coal, wherein said core comprises 65-94% of the total mass of the fuel, and

an accelerant predominantly applied to at least one facet of said core, wherein said accelerant comprises 6-35% of the total mass of the fuel.

Claim 41 (new) - A fuel for barbecuing, comprising, in combination:

a core having a plurality of facets, said core comprising 20-50% wood charcoal, 50-80% anthracite coal, and a binder; and

an accelerant applied predominantly to at least one facet of said core, said accelerant comprising 55-75% wood charcoal, 5-15% calcium nitrate, 5-15% potassium nitrate, 1-5% sodium nitrate, and a binder.

Claim 42 (new) - A fuel for barbecuing, comprising, in combination:

a core having a plurality of facets, said core comprising 20-30% wood charcoal, 65-85% anthracite coal, and a binder; and

an accelerant applied predominantly to at least one facet of said core, said accelerant comprising 65-85% wood charcoal, 10-15% calcium nitrate, 5-10% potassium nitrate, 1-5% sodium nitrate, and a binder.

Claim 43 (new) - A fuel for barbecuing, comprising, in combination:

a core having a plurality of facets, said core comprising 85-95% of the total mass of the fuel, and

an accelerant applied predominantly to at least one facet of said core, said accelerant comprising 5-25% of the total mass of the fuel.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is provided before receipt of any substantive Office Action on the merits in this case and is provided to rectify various minor typographical inexactitudes and to present new and amended claims for the Examiner's kind consideration.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter these amendments to this case.

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Respectfully Submitted:

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